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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors; Announcement of Meeting; Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the next meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC, a federally chartered, external advisory group composed of scientists from the public and private sectors, will review and provide advice on programmatic activities. This meeting is by webcast only and is open to the public. Written comments will be accepted and registration is required for oral comment and to access the webcast. Information about the meeting and registration are available at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>.

**DATES:**

Meeting: February 21, 2020; 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Written Public Comment Submissions: Deadline is February 14, 2020.

Registration for Oral Comments: Deadline is February 14, 2020.

Registration to view the webcast: Deadline is February 21, 2020.

Registration to view the meeting via the webcast is required.

**ADDRESSES:**

Meeting web page: The preliminary agenda, registration, and other meeting materials are available at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>.

Webcast: The meeting will be webcast; the URL will be provided to those who register for viewing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mary Wolfe, Designated Federal Official for the BSC, Office of Liaison, Policy and Review, Division of NTP, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, K2-03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Phone: 984-287-3209, Fax: 301-451-5759, Email: [wolfe@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:wolfe@niehs.nih.gov). Hand Deliver/Courier address: 530 Davis Drive, Room K2130, Morrisville, NC 27560.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BSC will provide input to the NTP on programmatic activities and issues. The preliminary agenda topics include: evolving the paradigm: in vivo to in vitro extrapolation, nano/microplastics and health effects: novel agents bring novel challenges, traffic-related air pollution and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy: disease as a toxicology focus, and NTP studies of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances: understanding human translation. The preliminary agenda, roster of BSC members, background materials, public comments, and any additional information, when available, will be posted on the BSC meeting website (<https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>)

or may be requested in hardcopy from the Designated Federal Official for the BSC.

Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and made available on the BSC meeting website.

Meeting Attendance Registration: The meeting is open to the public with time set aside for oral public comment. Registration to view the webcast is by February 21, 2020, at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>. Registration is required to view the webcast; the URL for the webcast will be provided in the email confirming registration. TTY users should contact the Federal TTY Relay Service at 800–877–8339. Requests should be made at least five business days in advance of the event.

Written Public Comments: NTP invites written public comments. Guidelines for public comments are available at [https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/about\\_ntp/guidelines\\_public\\_comments\\_508.pdf](https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/about_ntp/guidelines_public_comments_508.pdf).

The deadline for submission of written comments is February 14, 2020. Written public comments should be submitted through the meeting website. Persons submitting written comments should include name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, email, and sponsoring organization (if any). Written comments received in response to this notice will be posted on the NTP website, and the submitter will be identified by name, affiliation, and sponsoring organization (if any).

Oral Public Comment Registration: The agenda allows for four formal public comment periods—one comment period per topic (up to 3 commenters, up to 5 minutes per

speaker, per topic). Persons wishing to make an oral comment are required to register online at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165> by February 14, 2020. Oral comments will be received only during the formal comment periods indicated on the preliminary agenda and presented via a teleconference line. The access number for the teleconference line will be provided to registrants by email prior to the meeting. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Each organization is allowed one time slot per topic. After the maximum number of speakers per comment period is exceeded, individuals registered to provide oral comment will be placed on a wait list and notified should an opening become available. Commenters will be notified approximately one week before the meeting about the actual time allotted per speaker.

If possible, oral public commenters should send a copy of their slides and/or statement or talking points to [NTP-Meetings@icf.com](mailto:NTP-Meetings@icf.com) by February 14, 2020.

**Meeting Materials:** The preliminary meeting agenda is available on the meeting web page (<https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) and will be updated one week before the meeting. Individuals are encouraged to access the meeting web page to stay abreast of the most current information regarding the meeting.

**Background Information on the BSC:** The BSC is a technical advisory body comprised of scientists from the public and private sectors that provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP. Specifically, the BSC advises the NTP on matters of scientific program content, both present and future, and conducts periodic review of the program for the purpose of determining and advising on the scientific merit of its activities and their

overall scientific quality. Its members are selected from recognized authorities knowledgeable in fields such as toxicology, pharmacology, pathology, epidemiology, risk assessment, carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, cellular biology, computational toxicology, neurotoxicology, genetic toxicology, reproductive toxicology or teratology, and biostatistics. Members serve overlapping terms of up to four years. The BSC usually meets biannually. The authority for the BSC is provided by 42 U.S.C. 217a, section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS), as amended.

The BSC is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

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